

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 14th day
of September, 2016.

In the Matter of the Application of a Rate
Increase for Raccoon Creek Utility Operating
Company Inc.

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File No. SR-2016-0202

**ORDER SCHEDULING A LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING, SETTING AN
EVIDENTIARY HEARING, DIRECTING NOTICE, AND DIRECTING
FILINGS**

Issue Date: September 14, 2016

Effective Date: September 14, 2016

On February 2, 2016, Raccoon Creek Utility Operating Company Inc. (Raccoon Creek) initiated a small company rate increase proceeding with the Commission requesting a total sewer revenue increase of \$529,557. On August 30, 2016, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and Raccoon Creek filed a notice of partial disposition agreement settling a few issues but leaving many issues to be resolved by the Commission. Staff indicated that it would be requesting an evidentiary hearing in this matter.

The Commission directed Staff to file suggested dates for a local public hearing and evidentiary hearing as well as an updated timeline in this matter. Staff made its filing on September 1, 2016. The revised timeline indicated that the company would file its proposed tariff revisions by September 6; however, no tariff has yet been filed in this matter. Even so, the Office of the Public Counsel, who did not join in the partial agreement, has requested a local public hearing and an evidentiary hearing.

The Commission is unable to schedule a local public hearing on the dates proposed by Staff, as those dates do not allow sufficient time for notice to customers. However, the Commission will schedule a local public hearing to be held on October 5, 2016 as further set out below. Before the hearing, the Staff of the Commission will hold an informal question-and-answer session.

Even though no tariff has been filed by Raccoon Creek, it is apparent that an evidentiary hearing will be necessary. In order to maintain the schedule contemplated by Commission Rule 4CSR 240-3.050, the Commission will set dates for a hearing and direct the Staff to file a proposed procedural schedule to accommodate these hearing dates or alternatives to those dates.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission will hold a local public hearing on October 5, 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a question and answer session. At the close of the question-and-answer session, a Regulatory Law Judge will take public testimony. The local public hearing will be held at State Fair Community College, Thompson Conference Center, 3201 West 16th Street, Sedalia, Missouri 65301.

2. The local public hearing will begin at 5:30 pm with a question-and-answer session at which time the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission will make a presentation on the rate increases at issue in this action. Staff and representatives of other parties to this case will answer questions about the rate increases at issue in this action. The question-and-answer session will last not more than one hour.

3. At the local public hearing, Racoon Creek Utility Operating Company, Inc., the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall each set forth its perspective on the action by making available:

- a. A written statement, not more than one page, with sufficient copies for the attendees; and
- b. At least one representative in person to address substantive issues and respond to questions from the attendees.

4. Customers wishing to make written comments or secure additional information may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857. Written comments may also be submitted using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) at psc.mo.gov. Use the link to the "Submit Comments" section and fill in all required fields on the comment page.

5. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled for **October 20-21, 2016**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.** The hearing will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

6. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than September 19, 2016. Any other party may file a proposed procedural schedule for consideration by that date.

7. Racoon Creek Utility Operating Company Inc. shall file its proposed tariff revisions no later than September 19, 2016.

8. Racoon Creek Utility Operating Company Inc. shall provide an individual notice to each of its customers no later than ten days before the local public hearing.

9. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the County Commission of Pettis and Johnson Counties, Missouri.

10. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall make notice of this order available to members of the General Assembly representing Pettis and Johnson Counties, Missouri, and to the news media serving the residents of Pettis and Johnson Counties, Missouri.

11. The local public hearing and the evidentiary hearing will be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

12. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.
Hall, Chm., absent.

Dippell, Regulatory Law Judge